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1. SWEDISH MEDIA CONTINUES TO REPORT ON STANSAAB'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR ITS ATC CONTRACT WITH THE USSR.

2. GUNNAR WEDELL, PRESIDENT OF STANSAAB, IS QUOTED BY TT NEWS AGENCY AS SAYING "WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE LICENSES BUT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED WE MAY GET THEM WITHIN A FEW DAYS." WEDELL WENT ON TO SAY THERE HAD BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS TO INDICATE THAT STANSAAB'S DELIVERY OF ITS ATC EQUIPMENT TO THE USSR WOULD "FOUNDER."

3. JOHAN NORDENFALK, UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE, IS QUOTED BY THE PRESS: "WE CAN REGARD THIS AS ROUTINE BUSINESS, AND IT TAKES TIME TO GO THROUGH THE AMERICAN BUREAUCRATIC APPARATUS. THERE ARE CERTAIN CONDITIONS ATTACHED BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO THE EXPORT OF THIS KIND OF PRODUCT. THIS IS A FACT WHICH WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE. IT IS FACT EVEN THOUGH WE IN SWEDEN DO NOT REGARD SUCH INDIRECT TRADE BARRIERS FAVOR-
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ABLY."

4. THE SPERRY RAND SUBSIDIARY IN SWEDEN IS REPORTED TO HAVE ISSUED A PRESS COMMUNIQUE STATING IN SUBSTANCE THAT NO ONE IN SPERRY RAND HAS EVER TRIED TO INTERFERE WITH "ANYONE" IN WASHINGTON.

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5. LENNART PETTERSSON, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC RIKSDAG MEMBER FROM LUND, IS REPORTED IN THE PRESS AS HAVING SENT A LETTER TO MINISTER OF COMMERCE LINDER INQUIRING IF IT IS TRUEWHAT THE US, ACTING ON LEGISLATION DATING FROM THE DAYS OF THE COLD WAR, CAN STOP SWEDISH EXPORTS. THE PETTERSSON LETTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE ALSO SAID THAT IF STANSAAB'S EXPORT OF A CIVILIAN ATC SYSTEM TO THE USSR IS IN DANGER MERELY BECAUSE THE USG DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE AN EXPORT LICENSE FOR CERTAIN GENERAL COMPONENTS, THEN SWEDISH TRADE AND ECONOMIC POLICIES NEED TO BE REEXAMINED.

6. THE STANSAAB CASE ALSO STIMULATED TV NEWS TO MENTION OTHER SWEDISH FIRMS WHICH HAVE EXPERIENCED DENIALS OR DELAYS IN EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATIONS IN THE US.
ONE FIRM WAS DATASAAB WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY REFUSED SOME COMPONENTS FOR A COMPUTERIZED MEDICAL SYSTEM WHICH THE SWEDES SOLD TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AN OFFICIAL IN LM ERICSSON REPORTEDLY SAID HIS COMPANY HAD HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH LICENSES FOR US EQUIPMENT FOR ITS TELE-PHONE SYSTEMS BUT THERE HAD BEEN SOME PROBLEMS WITH LM ERICSSON'S APPLICATIONS FOR RADIO RELAY EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, NO SIGNIFICANT ORDER WAS EVER LOST BECAUSE OF A REFUSAL OF LICENSES FOR US EQUIPMENT. TWO OTHER COMPANIES MENTIONED, BUT WITHOUT SPECIFICS, WERE ASEA AND AGA. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. THE EMBASSY HAS PASSED TO CURT WIIK, DIRECTOR FOR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MFA, THE ESSENCE OF PARA 3 OF REFTEL. WIIK ALSO IS SEIZED WITH PREPARING A RESPONSE TO THE LETTER CITED IN PARA 5 ABOVE. HE POINTED OUT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, IN REPLYING TO THE LETTER, COULD SAY THAT STANSAAB'S CURRENTLY PENDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN APPROVED.

8. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM SWEDISH RADIO, EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MET WITH TWO SR REPORTERS TO DIS-CUSS GENERAL OUTLINES OF US EXPORT CONTROLS. DIS-CUSSION WAS GENERAL WITH EMBASSY COUNSELOR EMPHASIZING THE NON-DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF US EXPORT CON-TROLS AND PLACING US NEED FOR THEM IN RELATION TO US FREE TRADE POLICIES. TEXT OF EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS PARA 385.2 GIVEN TO SR INTERVIEWERS. EMBASSY COUNSELOR CONFINED HIS REMARKS ON THE STANSAAB SITUATION TO THE EFFECT THAT NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION IS PERMITTED BY US OFFICIALS OF THE SPECIFICS OF LICENSE

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APPLICATIONS WHILE THEY ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND HIS EXPECTATION THAT A DECISION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WHEN PRESSED FOR A TIME FRAME, COUNSELOR SAID HE THOUGHT CHANCES WERE GOOD THAT A FINAL DECISION WOULD BE REACHED WITHIN A MONTH.
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